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ON 9 DECEMBER 1992, GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS LEARNED THAT THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WAS PREPARING A DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS  
RESOLUTION THAT PLACES GUATEMALA UNDER ITEM 12 APPLICABLE TO THE  
WORLD'S WORST HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDERS. ITEM 12 ALSO CALLS FOR THE  
ASSIGNMENT OF A HUMAN RIGHTS RAPPORTEUR FOR GUATEMALA. June 1994

(HEADQUARTERS  
COMMENT: ITEM 12 APPARENTLY REFERS TO ONE OF THE DECLARATIONS OF STATUS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES THAT ARE DETERMINED AT THE ANNUAL UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHCR) MEETINGS IN GENEVA. DURING THE UNHRC MEETING IN EARLY 1992, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) COUNTRIES INITIALLY SUPPORTED MOVING GUATEMALA FROM AGENDA ARTICLE 19 (ADVISORY SERVICES), REQUIRING ONLY THE APPOINTMENT OF A UN ADVISER/EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO THE MORE ONEROUS AGENDA ITEM 12 (COUNTRY SPECIFIC), WHICH IS RESERVED FOR THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLATORS AND REQUIRES THE MAKING OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR. THIS REPORTED DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION INDICATES THAT, AS IT HAS IN PAST YEARS, THE EC WILL GO TO THE NEXT UNHCR MEETING IN EARLY 1993 WITH THE INTENTION OF PRESSING FOR A CHANGE IN GUATEMALA'S STATUS FROM ARTICLE 19 TO ARTICLE 12.)

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████████ OFFICIAL COMMENTED  
████████ OF THE EUROPEAN DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS  
RESOLUTION IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE COG AND THE GUATEMALAN  
MILITARY. █████ THE COG HAS BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST THE  
PASSAGE OF SUCH AN ITEM FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS █████ THE  
POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ITEM 12 ARE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT, AS IT  
PUTS GUATEMALA IN THE CATEGORY OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS IRAQ. █████ THE INTERNATIONAL

████████ COMMUNITY IS DIRECTING HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY TOWARD GUATEMALA IN SUCH A  
WAY THAT GUATEMALA EVENTUALLY WILL BE IN A SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT  
OF EL SALVADOR, WITH A PERMANENT UN HUMAN RIGHTS PRESENCE. █████  
████████ THE COG RECENTLY HAS COME UNDER INCREASED  
PRESSURE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR MORE INTERNATIONAL  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS,  
TO WHICH THE COG IS STRONGLY OPPOSED. █████  
THE CURRENT VIEW AMONG SENIOR MILITARY AND COG OFFICIALS IS TO  
CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
ISSUES BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE NOW, WITH NO FURTHER  
CONCESSIONS.

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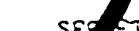
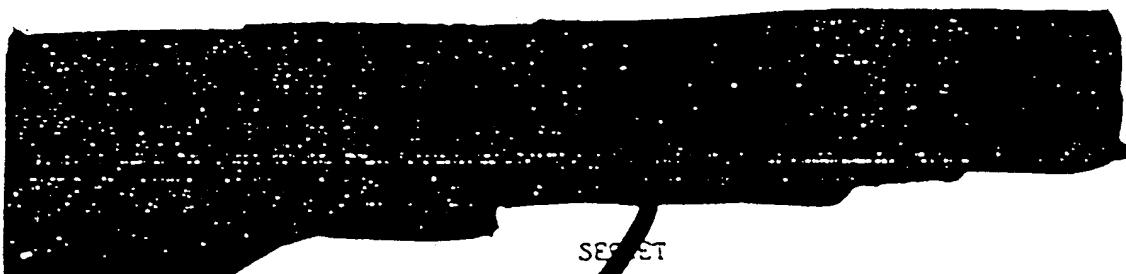
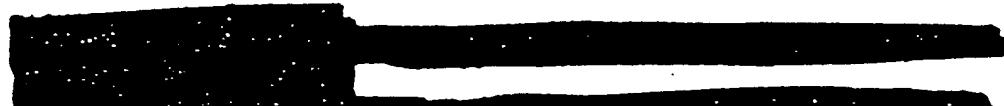
████████ REGARDING ONE WELL-KNOWN HUMAN RIGHTS CASE, THE GUATEMALAN  
MILITARY HAS COME UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES  
(U.S.) ON BEHALF OF THE BLAKE FAMILY WHOSE SON NICHOLAS ((@BLAKE)), A  
FREELANCE JOURNALIST, WAS MURDERED IN GUATEMALA ALONG WITH COLLEAGUE  
GRIFFEN ((@DAVIS)) IN 1985. █████ THE

████████ BLAKE FAMILY CURRENTLY IS PREPARING TO PRESENT A CASE AGAINST  
GUATEMALA IN THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT IN AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT  
FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE LENGTHY SEARCH FOR THEIR SON'S REMAINS  
AND FOR THE GRIEF SUFFERED BY FAMILY MEMBERS, SPECIFICALLY THE MOTHER  
WHO APPARENTLY HAS HEALTH PROBLEMS WHICH RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT.

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THE U.S. SHOULD NOT EXPECT COG AUTHORITIES  
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TO COLLABORATE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS OF PAST INCIDENTS IF THE  
GUATEMALANS MUST FEAR THEIR EFFORTS WILL BE USED AGAINST THEM IN A  
SUIT AGAINST THE COG.



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